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## BSISD says no change in response to bathroom directive

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

In response to a directive issued from President's Barack Obama's administration over the transgender restroom issue, Big Spring ISD officials said the district would not make any changes to its bathroom policy in a written statement released Friday.

According to George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD community relations coordinator, the district does not have a written policy on the issues and "has never needed one." In this case, the district will continue to follow what has been the "historic norms," Bancroft said which is sex segregated bathrooms.

On Friday, the departments of Education and Justice sent letters across the nation to school districts directing them to provide suitable bathroom and locker room facilities appropriate for a transgender student's choice of gender.

See, **BSISD**, Page 3

## Running for Glory



**Big Spring High School junior Ian Gonzales, center, races to his silver medal in the 400-meter dash at the UIL State Track Meet in Austin Saturday. Gonzales finished just .02 seconds ahead of the third place finisher from Fairfield High School and .71 seconds behind first. He also won gold in the 800-meter run. For full results of the meet, see Page 6.**

## National Police Week begins



**McGruff the crime dog jokes around at the community cook-out to honor area law enforcement held at Gale's Bakery Sunday afternoon. The event drew a large crowd and started off a week of activities to honor law enforcement. On Tuesday, residents are asked to wear blue to show support for police.**

## Welcome Home VAMC-Big Spring to commemorate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vietnam War

**Special to the Herald**

The West Texas VA Health Care System and the community of Big Spring will commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War with a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony. The event will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Big Spring Vietnam War Memorial.

There will be a ceremony recognizing the men and women who served during the Vietnam War Era (1961-1975). Following the ceremony, Veterans and their families will be served lunch at the Hangar 25 Air Museum with music provided by Adrian Calvio and his band AC and the Heaters.



## Rainwater harvesting workshop set for June 2

**Special to the Herald**

The Permian Basin Underground Water District will host a 2016 Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, on Thursday, June 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The presentation will take place at the PBUWCD office at 708 W. St. Peter Street in Stanton, and is free to the public. This year's guest speaker will be Extension Agent in Horticulture Jeff Floyd with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. There will be a door prize drawing for a rain barrel and rain chain giveaway.

The workshop will begin with Mr. Floyd speaking about Xeriscaping and drought tolerant plant selections. His presentation will include ideas on how to start a xeriscape garden and how to select xeriscape or water-wise plants that grow well in our area.

Floyd will be followed by PBUWCD staff giving a presentation on their new rainwater harvesting system they recently installed on the PBUWCD building. They will show the step-by-step process on how it was installed and how anyone can easily install a similar system on their own home.

See, **WORKSHOP**, Page 3



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# Obituaries

## John M. Huckabee

John M. Huckabee, 80, of Big Spring, died Sunday,

May 14, 2016 in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ**, 23, of 1408 Oriole St. was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.); and on another outstanding warrant.
- **STEVEN JOHN STEWART**, 21, of 845 S. 10th St. in Slaton, Texas, was arrested on an out-

- standing warrant.
- **JAMES WALLACE FISHER**, 35, of 6314 Nevada in Odessa was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700, the 3300 block of East FM 700, the 2300 block of Wasson Road, the 1100 block of North Lamesa Highway, and the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in

- the 1100 block of Pickens Street, the 800 block of West Fifth Street, the 700 block of West 15th Street, and the 1800 block of Duquoin Place.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 900 block of South Johnson.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of East 11th Place.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of North Goliad Street.

# Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.
- **PHILLIP DWIGHT BIRDINE**, 32, was booked by DPS on a warrant for criminal trespass.
- **KYLE LEE BROWNFIELD**, 25, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for duty on striking an unattended vehicle.
- **CHARLESEUGENE CLARK**, 37, was booked by BSPD on warrants for defective tail lamp, violation of promise to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to display driver's license, and failure to appear.
- **MATHEW ASCENCIO CRUZ**, 23, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for speeding (10 percent above posted limit).
- **JAMES WALLACE FISHER**, 35, was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault class C.
- **RICKIE DELL HAIR**, 42, was

- booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of material/aluminum, bronze, copper or brass.
- **KIMBERLY DEE HARGROVE**, 53, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$20 to \$500) by check.
- **RICARDO INFANTE**, 49, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for violation of the 50-foot rule.
- **JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ**, 33, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams).
- **TOMI JO MCPHERSON**, 19, was booked by Glasscock County on a warrant for theft of material/aluminum, bronze, copper or brass.
- **ALICIA MORALES**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for hindering secured creditors.
- **LILY RODRIGUEZ OLIVAS**, 33, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and driving with an invalid license.
- **MARIO ROBERT OVALLE**, 42, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana

- (less than 2 oz.).
- **STEVEN JOHN STEWART**, 21, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.
- **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR.**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for driving with an invalid license.
- **ALONZO VASQUEZ**, 35, was booked by BSPD on warrants for expired inspection certificate, violation of promise to appear, and unauthorized use of a vehicle; and on charges of possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) and unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- **ANDREW JONATHAN YANEZ**, 23, was booked by BSPD on warrants for motion to revoke parole for assault causing bodily injury, expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear; and on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **ENRIQUE ZUBIATE JR.**, 34, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

# Take Note

- National Nursing Home Week culminates on Friday, May 13 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation 3200 Parkway Road. According to Kristi Beauchamp, administrator, the celebration also honors nurses, residents, caregivers and staff. The activities at Parkview will begin at 4 p.m. and last until 6 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy hotdogs, train rides for youngsters, a water slide and games. Dimples the clown will be available for face painting and a DJ will provide music for the event. For additional information, call Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation at 432-263-4041
- Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the The World Race with the non-denominational ministry, Adventures in Missions. She and her teammates will be living in tents most of that 11 months while serving the needy and spreading the Gospel. Despite the primitive conditions she needs to raise at least \$17,000 to join her mission team. Would you consider helping Bailey? If you want to donate directly to Bailey or follow her journey, see her blog at [www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org](http://www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org). Also, Dr. David Ward is collecting for Bailey. Checks should be made to "Adventures in Missions" and also put "Bailey Pitman" on the note section of your check. You can mail or drop it by Dr. Ward's office at 1500 Scurry St.
- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125.
- Photographs of area military personnel —currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the

Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event.

The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration.

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to [popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com](mailto:popsinthepark2016@yahoo.com). Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

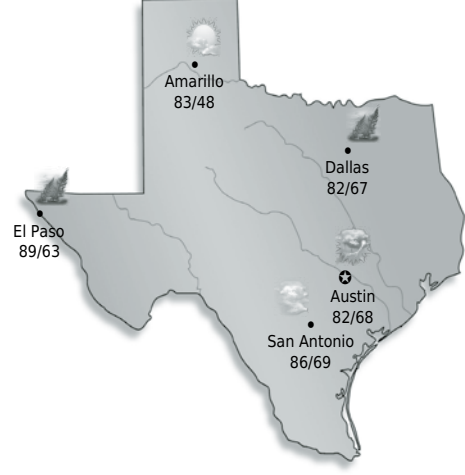
- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2016 semester. Students must be Howard county residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Application deadline is April 15. Application deadline for current A&M students is June 1. More information and the application can be found of the club website: [www.westexags.com](http://www.westexags.com)
- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

- The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674
- **Meetings**
  - The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.
  - The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
  - The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.
  - Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 5/17	Wed 5/18	Thu 5/19	Fri 5/20	Sat 5/21
<b>76/51</b>	<b>62/53</b>	<b>70/51</b>	<b>84/59</b>	<b>86/65</b>
A mix of clouds and sun early, then becoming cloudy later in the day. A stray shower or t-storm is possible. High 76F. Winds NNE at 10 to 20 mph.	Showers and t-storms. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 50s.	Scattered t-storms possible. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	A few clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM

## Texas at a Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	83	65	Cloudy	Kingsville	85	72	P Cloudy
Amarillo	83	48	Cloudy	Livingston	75	69	Showers
Austin	82	68	Cloudy	Longview	76	65	Cloudy
Beaumont	77	71	Showers	Lubbock	90	55	Cloudy
Brownsville	88	75	M Cloudy	Lufkin	74	66	Showers
Brownwood	79	66	Cloudy	Midland	94	67	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	85	73	Sct T-Storms	Raymondville	90	75	P Cloudy
Corsicana	78	67	T-Storms	Rosenberg	77	70	Hvy T-Storms
Dallas	82	67	Cloudy	San Antonio	86	69	Sct T-Storms
Del Rio	88	71	P Cloudy	San Marcos	83	67	T-Storms
El Paso	89	63	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	66	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	92	64	Sunny	Sweetwater	87	66	M Cloudy
Gainesville	78	65	Cloudy	Tyler	77	66	Cloudy
Greenville	79	65	Cloudy	Weatherford	79	65	Cloudy
Houston	76	70	T-Storms	Wichita Falls	81	67	Cloudy

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	62	P Cloudy	Miami	87	77	P Cloudy
Boston	59	48	Cloudy/Wind	Minneapolis	63	42	P Cloudy
Chicago	66	49	P Cloudy	New York	67	53	M Cloudy
Dallas	82	67	Cloudy	Phoenix	92	68	Sunny
Denver	49	38	Cloudy	San Francisco	69	55	Cloudy
Houston	76	70	T-Storms	Seattle	66	50	Cloudy
Los Angeles	74	57	Cloudy	Saint Louis	58	48	Showers

## Moon Phases

<b>First</b>	<b>Full</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>New</b>
May 13	May 21	May 29	Jun 5

## UV Index

Tue 5/17	Wed 5/18	Thu 5/19	Fri 5/20	Sat 5/21
8	4	10	10	10
Very High	Moderate	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 11

# Support Groups

- MONDAY**
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  - VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
  - Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- TUESDAY**
  - Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942
  - VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  - Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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Howard College held their graduation ceremony at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday night. The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf held ceremonies Friday morning on the SWCID campus. Congratulations, Class of 2016.



HERALD Photo/LYNDEL MOODY

Rainfall on Friday pushed Comanche Trail Park to the limit. Water rolls across the dam's spillway Saturday morning drawing lot of attention from the public. A number of people were out taking photos or selfies at the spillway. The rainfall caused severe damage to several places in Howard County.

Texas bus company in crash has faced vehicle problems before

LAREDO, Texas (AP) —The small South Texas bus company involved in a rollover crash that killed eight people and injured 44 others had twice been ordered by Louisiana state inspectors in 2015 to take one of its buses off the road to fix brake and emergency exit problems. Records posted online by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration show that regulators ordered OGA

Charters to sideline the bus in May 2015 because of brake problems and again in August of last year when they were getting worse. It was not immediately clear Sunday if that was same charter bus that crashed Saturday about 46 miles north of Laredo, Texas, or what steps the company took to fix the problems with its sidlined bus between inspections. National Transpor-

tation Safety Board investigators arrived Sunday in Laredo to try to determine a cause of the crash, something that spokesman Keith Holloway said can take months. Investigators examined the bus and the scene Sunday, Holloway said. The agency will look at the operations of the company as part of its investigation and has requested inspec-

tion and maintenance records, he said. According to federal online records, OGA Charters has two buses and the Motor Carrier Safety Administration had it listed with a "satisfactory" rating in May 2014.

Volunteer opportunities

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

BSISD

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According to the directive, "A school may provide separate facilities on the basis of sex, but must allow transgender students access to such facilities consistent with their gender identity. A school may not require transgender students to use facilities inconsistent with their gender identity or to use individual-user facilities when other students are not required to do so. A school may, however, make individual-user options available to all students who voluntarily seek additional privacy."

The letter cites Title IX which prohibits sexual discrimination at educational institutions that receive federal funding. It's not a new legal requirement, but the letter does remind schools federal fund could be withheld if they do not follow the guidelines.

This comes after North Carolina and the U.S. Justice Department filed suit against each other on Monday, May 9 over a legal fight between the two a law the state passed on bathroom use by transgender people.

WORKSHOP

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The workshop will conclude with a tour of the PBUWCD grounds, showing guests the 2- 2500 barrel tank rainwater harvesting system as well as rain barrels and new xeriscape landscaping.

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## DAILY PRAYER

May we lean on you, oh Lord, in times of trouble.

Amen.

## America's other epidemic: chronic untreated pain

The death of Prince, who apparently had a Percocet problem, and a 2016 presidential primary peppered with New England town halls that delved into increased heroin overdoses and prescription drug abuse have converged to create what CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta calls "a public health epidemic."

Drug addiction is 2016's big nonpolitical story. CNN aired a special, "Prescription Addiction: Dead in the USA." The Senate passed the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act to provide grants for treatment and improved monitoring. The House also is working on legislation, with funding expected later in the year.

Grant Smith, deputy director of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance, sees Washington moving in the right direction by "treating drugs as a health issue" and "addressing head on some of the harms associated with opioid use." Some 78 Americans die from opioid overdoses every day, CNN reports.

Its special "Prescription Addiction" related some horror stories — the football star who was popping 1,400 opioid pills a month; the teen who suffered irreversible brain damage after he started experimenting with friends; the teen who died of an accidental overdose after he got hooked on drugs prescribed to treat a football injury. Gupta cautioned that there is "legitimate pain that

warrants" a prescription, but for a short period of time. Given the rise in overdose deaths, the media should warn the public about the risk that comes with painkillers.

I see a downside to coverage that has turned painkiller addiction into a media chew toy. This narrative focuses on doctors who for a variety of reasons seem to have overprescribed medication, and on patients who at their own peril try to game the system to get drugs to feed their addiction. There is little room in this narrative for the many individuals who do not get the pain control they need. I am talking about older people who need better end-of-life care. Many start phobic about painkillers, as they fear being drugged and listless. They may not realize that good palliative care can make them more able to cope in their remaining time. (As for those few who might overuse medication, who cares? They're not going to take up robbing banks.)

I called Eric Chevlen — a friend, Ohio pain medicine specialist and medical oncologist — to get his take on the new big story. Chevlen sees another problem in America — untreated pain. Poor people and uninsured individuals are less likely to get the relief they need. Also, people who have hard-to-diagnose ailments (like fibromyalgia, which mostly afflicts women) may go years before receiving available treatment.

Because they're debilitated, people who don't get the pain control they need may not feel like speaking up, so you don't hear their stories. You hear of addicts who go to the emergency room in search of a fix, but not about

those who suffer in silence.

When it comes to pain control, Chevlen told me, "hardly anybody gets the right amount."

Chevlen has two concerns about the new approach in Washington. First, new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines are labeled guidelines, "but they're going to be interpreted as mandates." Second, Chevlen also believes that pushing patients away from opioids and toward anti-inflammatory meds carries a different risk — toxicity. Some patients will die from long-term organ damage, a side effect of pharmaceuticals, but their deaths won't be counted as overdoses.

I know that this column will spur readers to write about the horrible tragedy of a child, or other loved one, who got sucked into opioid addiction and into a downward spiral that ended in death. Too many families can point to a doctor who didn't keep a careful eye on what he prescribed. Or maybe the doctor was careful, but opioids had taken an ineffable hold and street trade made other drugs too available. Their stories are powerful, and serve as a warning. But there are other stories too — tales of people racked with pain that robs them of the joy of living. As Chevlen warned, "When we're treating pain inadequately, fewer people die of opioid deaths."

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## No negative mandate to govern

On the eve of the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City, I asked former GOP chairman and then-Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour who would win that year's presidential campaign. Barbour said, "Mark, if this election is about John Kerry, then George W. Bush will be re-elected." I then asked, "But what if the election instead were about Republican President George W. Bush?" "In that case, Mark," he replied, "George W. Bush will carry Mississippi."

The 2016 election is even more so a referendum on the likely opponents. In the most recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal survey, registered voters were asked to identify whether or not they "could see (themselves) supporting" a certain candidate for president in 2016. Just 41 percent of those polled could see themselves supporting Clinton in November, while 58 percent, a sizeable majority, said they could not support her. For Trump, the numbers were even worse: Only 31 percent of voters could see themselves

supporting the New Yorker for the White House, and a smashing 68 percent answered they could not see themselves supporting him. Let it be noted that a plurality of voters (49 percent) said they could see themselves supporting Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders for president.

Why such resounding lack of support for the respective front-runners? One reasonable conclusion is that if Trump — or Clinton — were running unopposed on the November ballot, he or she would lose. So, the most inviting campaign strategy for both candidates is to focus the electorate's attention almost exclusively on the failings of character and career, and the total unacceptability, of the opponent. As one wise Republican man explains: "If this race is about Trump, he loses. Trump's only hope is to somehow make the race only about her."

Sadly, the 2016 electorate could be quite receptive to such a negative campaign strategy. As Emory University political science professor Dr. Alan Abramowitz, and Emory political-science Ph.D. student Steven Webster write, "for a growing percentage of American voters, negative feelings toward the opposing party outweigh positive feelings toward their own party." In fact, as recently as 1980, Abramowitz and Webster report, some 55 percent of voters gave the opposing

party a neutral or positive rating, and just 27 percent of voters gave a negative rating the opposing party. But by 2012, the U.S. political climate had been poisoned to where a mere 26 percent gave a neutral or favorable rating to the opposing party, but a thumping 56 percent delivered an emphatic thumbs-down to the other side.

The response to a negative campaign, given the already-sour voters in 2016, will go something like this: "OK, our candidate is admittedly imperfect and, possibly, no day at the beach as a person. But look at the opponent, who delights in sticking bamboo shoots under the fingernails of widows and orphans, and who would steal a hot stove and then come back for the smoke."

The tragedy of such a negative campaign is that when it's over, all we will have agreed upon is that the losing candidate should not be president. We won't have a mandate — let alone an agreement — about what we, as a people, and our new president should do (or will do) together to make ours a truly national family, where everyone has a place at the table, and where the strong are just and the weak are secure.

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**Democrats: Benghazi chairman ignores statement by GOP lawyer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Benghazi committee's Republican chairman is ignoring statements by his own former lawyer indicating that the U.S. military acted properly on the night of the deadly Sept. 11, 2012, attacks in Libya, the panel's Democrats said.

Reps. Elijah Cummings and Adam Smith said Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., omitted the lawyer's comments when he fired back at the Defense Department for criticizing the GOP-led investigation into the attacks that killed four Americans.

Gowdy's actions, coupled with delays that have pushed the 2-year-old inquiry into the heat of the 2016 presidential race, "have damaged the credibility of the Select Committee beyond repair," Cummings and Smith wrote Sunday in a letter to Gowdy.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the letter.

Cummings of Maryland is the senior Democrat on the Benghazi panel; Smith, of Washington state, is the senior Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee. He also serves on the select Benghazi panel.



**Sadiq Khan**

**Trump says he expects poor relationship with UK leader**

LONDON (AP) — Presidential candidate Donald Trump says he may have a poor relationship with British Prime Minister David Cameron in light of his criticism of Trump's call for all Muslims to be temporarily banned from entering the United States.

Trump's comments, broadcast Monday on ITV's "Good Morning Britain," are certain to cause unease in Britain, where America is seen as the country's closest ally. Cameron has refused to retract comments describing the presumptive Republican nominee's proposed Muslim ban as "divisive, stupid and wrong."

"It looks like we are not going to have a very good relationship," Trump said in the interview conducted in New York. "Who knows, I hope to have a good relationship with him but he's not willing to address the problem either."

In the interview conducted Saturday, Trump also describes London's new mayor, Sadiq Khan, as "rude" for calling him ignorant. The real estate tycoon said he would "remember" the mayor's hostile reaction to the idea that Khan, a Muslim, would be given an exception to the temporary ban.

"He doesn't know me, hasn't met me, doesn't know what I'm all about. I think they were very rude statements and, frankly, tell him I will remember those statements," Trump said. "They are very nasty statements."

**Philippine president-elect to offer Cabinet posts to rebels**

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Presumptive Philippine President-elect Rodrigo Duterte said Monday he will reimpose the death penalty, offer Cabinet posts to communist rebels, and move to amend the constitution to give more power to the provinces, in some of his first policy pronouncements since winning last week's election based on an unofficial count.

In his first formal news conference since the May 9 vote, Duterte also said he will launch a major military offensive to destroy Abu Sayyaf extremists on southern Jolo Island, even if their human rights are trampled in the process.

The announcements, a sharp departure from current government policy, reflect his brash campaign pledge to end crime and corruption in the impoverished nation in three to six months. Police officials have said the plan is undoable, and that crime remains prevalent in Davao city, where Duterte has served as mayor for more than 22 years.

The military have been fighting a

decades-long Marxist insurgency in the countryside.

Duterte said he would likely offer the Cabinet posts of environment and natural resources, agrarian reform, social welfare, and labor to the communist rebels.

**Afghan capital locked down for massive demonstration**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Authorities locked down Afghanistan's capital Monday as tens of thousands of ethnic Hazaras marched through the streets calling on the government to reroute a power line through their poverty-stricken province in a massive protest that reflected public dismay with the government of President Ashraf Ghani.

Amid concerns the protest could turn violent, roads leading into central Kabul's commercial district were blocked to all vehicle and foot traffic by police, who used stacked shipping containers to prevent the marchers reaching the presidential palace.

Most of the city's shops were shuttered and armed police units took up positions around the city. Authorities told protest organizers that the march would be confined to a specific route that would not take them near the presidential palace. A November demonstration that followed the beheading of a number of Hazaras by insurgents turned violent.

The backing of other ethnic groups for the protest highlighted the political crisis facing Afghanistan, as Ghani becomes increasingly isolated amid a stalled economy, rising unemployment, and an escalating insurgency now in its 15th year.

Since taking office in 2014, Ghani has made little progress in keeping promises to bring peace and prosperity to the country, instead presiding over an administration that seems to lurch from one crisis to another.

**In surprising turnabout, Oklahoma eyes**

**Medicaid expansion**

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Despite bitter resistance in Oklahoma for years to President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, Republican leaders in this conservative state are now confronting something that alarms them even more: a huge \$1.3 billion hole in the budget that threatens to do widespread damage to the state's health care system.

So, in what would be the grandest about-face among rightward leaning states, Oklahoma is now moving toward a plan to expand its Medicaid program to bring in billions of federal dollars from President Obama's new health care system.

What's more, GOP leaders are considering a tax hike to cover the state's share of the costs.

"We're to the point where the provider rates are going to be cut so much that providers won't be able to survive, particularly the nursing homes," said Republican state Rep. Doug Cox, referring to possible cuts in state funds for indigent care that could cause some hospitals and nursing homes to close.

Despite furious opposition by conservative groups, Republican Gov. Mary Fallin and some GOP legislative leaders are pushing the plan, and support appears to be growing in the overwhelmingly Republican Legislature. Details have not been ironed out but the proposal is based on an Indiana program that received federal approval.

**Citizen-scientists: Uncle Sam wants you to fight Zika!**

MIAMI (AP) — The mosquitoes that can spread Zika are already buzzing among us. The U.S. government could use some help figuring out exactly where.

No experience is necessary for what the U.S. Department of Agriculture envisions as a nationwide experiment in citizen-science. Teenagers already have proven themselves up to the task in tryouts involving a small number of high school students and science teachers.

Now it's time for the Invasive Mosquito Project to scale up and fast, since Zika has been linked to serious birth defects and health officials are preparing for the possibility of small outbreaks in the United States. But there's little money in government budgets to track its spread.

"We don't have a lot of data — good, solid data," said John-Paul Mutebi,



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**Vendors unfurl a banner from 1969 depicting former Chinese leader Mao Zedong as he "inspects the great army of the Cultural Revolution" and the slogan "Navigating the seas depends on the helmsman" at a curio market in Beijing, China, Monday, May 16, 2016. Exactly 50 years ago, China embarked on what was formally known as the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, a decade of tumult launched by Mao Zedong to revive communist goals and enforce a radical egalitarianism. The milestone was largely ignored Monday in the Chinese media, reflecting continuing sensitivities about a period that was later declared a "catastrophe."**

**China barely notes start of Cultural Revolution 50 years ago**

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Authorities have generally suppressed discussion of the violent events, now a couple of generations removed

from the lives of young Chinese focused on pursuing their own interests in an increasingly capitalistic society.

On May 16, 1966, the ruling Communist Party's Politburo met to purge a quartet of top officials who had fallen out of favor with Mao.

It also produced a document announcing the start of the decade-long Cultural Revolution to pursue class warfare and enlist the population in mass political movements.

The start of the Cultural Revolution was not widely known or understood at the time, but soon took on an agenda characterized

by extreme violence, leading to the downfall of leading officials, factional battles, mass rallies and the exile of educated youths to the countryside. It wound up severely threatening the Communist Party's legitimacy to rule.

Despite the party's formal repudiation of the movement five years after it ended, vestiges of the Cultural Revolution continue to echo in China's authoritarian political system, the intolerance of dissent and uncritical support for the leadership, said veteran journalist Gao Yu, who was a university student in 1966.

an entomologist with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

What the USDA is proposing is the kind of population survey not seen in the continental United States since World War II, when the country eradicated mosquito-borne viruses. In a 1945 film, the U.S. government encouraged schoolkids and scout troops to do their part in keeping their neighborhoods free from dengue and yellow fever.

**Memorial for Prince held at his Jehovah's Witnesses church**

MINNETONKA, Minn. (AP) — Security was tight as mourners packed a Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall on Sunday evening for a memorial for megastar Prince, who worshipped there before he died last month.

Traffic cones lined the streets in front of the church in the Minneapolis suburb of Minnetonka, and media and fans were kept well back from the invitation-only event. City spokeswom-

an Kari Spreeman said last week that police were preparing for up to 500 people, including up to 50 high-profile guests.

Some people who weren't able to get inside before the church filled up were able to obtain programs, which they shared with reporters outside.

The program said the service was to begin with the song "He Will Call," followed by an opening prayer. It also included an "interview" with Larry Graham, the former Sly and the Family Stone bassist who was Prince's spiritual mentor and introduced him to the Jehovah's Witnesses faith. The program was to conclude with the song "See Yourself When All Is New" and a closing prayer.

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# Gonzales grabs gold and silver at state

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

AUSTIN — A new state champion will be walking the halls of Big Spring High School.

Big Spring's Ian Gonzales won the gold medal in the 4A 800-meter run at the UIL State Track and Field Championships in Austin on Saturday, beating out Crandall's Presley Butler by .22 seconds.

The win came after a rain and lightning delay that lasted nearly six hours. The 1A, 2A, and 4A teams that were scheduled to wrap up their races at 3:15 p.m. didn't finish their last events until just before midnight. Gonzales wasn't affected by the delay though, and followed his first-place finish with a silver medal in the 400-meter dash.

"I felt really good. I was really hoping to win the 800, and I knew I was going to have just a tiny bit of a disadvantage. But since we had the delays, at the end of the day it didn't really matter," Gonzales said. "And in the 400, we all had an even race, and it was anyone's race in that moment."

"He had a great day, and he's a great competitor," Big Spring head coach Mitchell Woodard said. "I'm proud of him, proud of the way he competed, and he went out and set the tone for us today."

Gonzales was emphatic that all the credit goes to his coaches.

"I really couldn't do it without the guidance of my coach, Coach Leggett," Gonzales said. "Coach Woodard really pushed the whole team to go around, but without Coach Leggett's guidance I wouldn't be where I'm at today."

Despite the two wins for Gonzales, the boys' 4x400-meter relay team had a disappointing performance. Big Spring had the best qualifying time of 3:18.45, and none of the other teams finished with a sub-3:20 time. The Steers finished last in Aus-

tin however, with a time of 3:32.40 after Gonzales had them in the lead after the first leg.

"We started off like we wanted to. Ian got us in first with the big lead, and it was up to the other guys to hold it and they didn't do it. They didn't run their best today," Woodard said.

"We win together and we lose together. We're only losing one guy because we're still pretty young," Gonzales said. "I'm just looking forward to next year to come back even faster."

Big Spring's Kaitlyn Mathews was the only medal winner on the girls' side. She placed third and earned a bronze medal in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.32 seconds.

"She's worked hard and it's paid off," Big Spring girls' head coach Sunni Strickland said. "With the rain delays she was pretty tired, especially after already competing in the triple jump, and she really did a good job. She has that killer instinct and I couldn't be happier for her."

Strickland added that she was proud of the way the whole team competed, not just Mathews.

"You can never tell what's going to happen in the state meet," she said. "It can be overwhelming sometimes and they competed the best they could. They're a top-nine team in the state, and I'm just so proud of them."

With only one senior and two ju-



HERALD photo/Drew Williams  
Big Spring's Ian Gonzales crosses the finish line in first place in the 4A boys' 800-meter run. It was Big Spring's only gold medal at state.

niors on the team, the window for success is huge for the Lady Steers.

"I'm really excited about that," Strickland said.

### Bearkats break 4x400-meter record

The Garden City Bearkats 4x400-meter relay team broke the 1A conference record of 3:28.61 with a time of 3:27.04. The previous record was also set by Garden City at the 2014 championships.

Tanner Davis, whose older brother Corbin was on the 2014 team, ran the second leg of the race.

"My brother was on the other one, so we took that record down and I'm pretty proud of that," Davis said. "The sibling rivalry is over now."

Twins Isaac and Isaiah Enriquez ran the third and fourth legs of the race. Isaiah was also a member of the 2014 team as an alternate.

"It felt great to break the record," he said. "I was the alternate when they broke the record that year, so it feels great to break it again."

"I'm glad their mom had two of them," Davis joked.

The team also won bronze medals in the 4x100- and

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### Varsity Boys

Place-Name-Time/Distance

#### 800-meter run

1-Ian Gonzales-1:55.06

#### 400-meter dash

2-Ian Gonzales-48.82

#### 300-meter hurdles

7-Jeremiah Rushin-40.78

#### 4x400-meter relay

Ninth place team with 3:32.40 time:

Ian Gonzales

Jeremiah Rushin

Aaron Martinez

Leon Mathews

### Varsity Girls

Place-Name-Time/Distance

#### Discus throw

8-Carlie Roberts-106-04

#### Triple jump

9-Kaitlyn Mathews-36-05

#### 4x100-meter relay

Ninth place team with 49.09 time:

Rachel McCalister

Lindsey Brooks

Kaitlyn Mathews

Kailey Mathews

#### 100-meter dash

8-Kailey Mathews-12.58

#### 400-meter dash

3-Kaitlyn Mathews-57.32

#### 4x400-meter relay

Eighth place team with 4:08.99 time:

Anissa Ramsey

Samantha Solis

Diamonique Mayes

Kaitlyn Mathews



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Big Spring's Kaitlyn Mathews runs in the 4x100-meter relay Saturday. She finished with a bronze medal in the 400-meter dash.

## Hawks finish 0-2 in Lubbock

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The momentum from a 20 out of 25 streak to end the regular season didn't carry over for the Howard Hawks in the Region V Tournament in Lubbock over the weekend.

Howard lost 7-4 in their opening game with Grayson County College Friday night, and 9-4 to Hill College on Saturday.

"We just got beat the first game. We played fine. They got a couple more hits than we got, but it was a good game. We competed and played well, and they were throwing the number two prospect in the country," Howard head coach Britt Smith said. "We had our chances. We made an error in a tie game...Drew just got it across the infield and Drew couldn't pick it."

The error came with the bases loaded and two outs in the fifth inning with the score tied at four. Grayson's Seth Mullis hit a ball to third baseman Andrew Beck, and the throw in the dirt allowed Mullis to reach first safely as the tie-breaking run crossed home. A single in the next at-bat brought two more home for Grayson, and the 7-4 score would hold until the final out of the game.

Howard's downfall in the second game was its



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Howard catcher Tracker Conn hits a home run in game two against Hill College Saturday.

defense. The Hawks committed six errors in the 9-4 loss to Hill.

"Yesterday we just played awful," Smith said "We pitched it pretty good both games, but we killed ourselves the second game. We made six errors that showed up on the scoreboard, but including mental mistakes and stuff like that, it was way worse than that."

The bats were kept quiet in both games as the Hawks went 6-for-35 at the plate in game one and 10-for-37 in game two.

"We only had a few guys that really took good

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## Lady Steers advance, Lady Buffs eliminated

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — The Andrews Lady Mustangs had the Lady Steers of Big Spring right where they wanted them in game two of a best-of-three series. Up 4-0, Andrews got the first two Lady Steers out in the top of the fourth inning. When the Lady Mustangs recorded the third out, Big Spring led 14-4.

"It was absolutely crazy," Big Spring head coach Howell Martin said. "We were behind 4-0 and had two outs and really nothing happening, and suddenly balls just started finding gaps. We hit a couple, they walked a couple, and they made an error here and there...so we just kept putting the ball in play and kept scoring runs. They finally changed pitchers, we continued to hit the ball and when they finally got us out it was 14-4."

It all started with the freshman heroes from game one starting the rally. Logan Terrazas and Kamri Kemper scored the game-ending runs in game one after Kemper followed Terrazas's double with a walk-off home run. With two outs in the top of the fourth of game two, they delivered with back-to-back singles. MaKenzie Roberts walked to load the bases, and an error by the shortstop on a ball hit by Mariah Sarmiento brought Big Spring's first run home.

With the score 4-1, Ashley Gonzales came through

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It's likely your next move is based on a story you tell yourself about who you are. Choose a story that makes you happy and emphasizes your talents and potential. If such a story doesn't come immediately to mind, the harmony between the Scorpio moon and Taurus sun encourages you to reframe your personal history in a more empowering way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may think you're alone in a struggle, but this couldn't be further from the truth. Let others know what you're going through and you'll quickly understand the life-changing effect of mutual support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People have fought over you before and they'll do it again. It's not that you like being the rope in the tug-of-war game, but if you have to be in this position, you'd be foolish not to play its advantages.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If walking takes an average amount of strength, climbing takes extraordinary strength, as it pushes further against the fundamental law of gravity. As much as you'd like to walk from a situation, climbing is what's needed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Great conversations will be a matter of timing. The time to air your thoughts and feelings is when you're pretty certain your audience is receptive and wanting to know more about you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Once you get to know a person enough to guess his or her reactions to a variety of circumstances with some degree of accuracy you'll be willing to invest more of yourself in the relationship. You'll be working up to that point now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It seems logical to put your effort into taking the next step. But right now, your effort

is best spent in drumming up the confidence -- convincing everything inside of you that you're worthy. Do this and the next step just happens. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Most things you can fall into (including luck, love, a rhythm, a rut, depression and more) require a process of surrender. Today, hold on until you really understand the nature of what you're surrendering to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you compare yourself to the master and you don't fall short, it's time to get a new guru. Outgrowing your teachers is a natural progression of life. It is possible to have a smooth, resistance-free transition in this matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The person standing in your way isn't an enemy, but a friend who will help you strengthen your resolve, sharpen your skills and think much bigger than you were.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When it comes to buying and selling, you've a special instinct. Maybe there's no formal training

behind your business acumen, but it's quite real, and it will, at the very least, sustain you today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People don't usually look outside themselves for something they already have on the inside, except that sometimes they forget. You'll step in today to remind someone who they are and what they have.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Change doesn't always come about as a result of large-scale efforts or dramatic battles. Gentle, gradual changes are often the most radical. This is what's happening now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 16). Fresh intrigue in your personal life gives the next seven weeks a zippy, joyful pace. Your work will be reviewed in July. Everything you do from now until August to make it shine will count, especially the detailed efforts. You'll be celebrating fantastic circumstances related to family in September and December. Pisces and

Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 33, 25 and 48.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a female graphic designer, and I work in an office with mostly women. One of my co-workers, a Leo, constantly takes credit for my ideas. For instance, I'll say something in a meeting to the group and then five minutes into the meeting she'll say the same thing. The worst part is that she generally gets a better reaction to what she says than I did. And no one sticks up for me or even acknowledges that she is repeating me. What should I do? I'm an Aquarius."

Aquarius, you are (SET ITAL) the (END ITAL) Idea Girl of the zodiac, so kudos to you for having so many good ones and getting yourself into an environment where you can express them! Now work on your presentation. Sounds like your colleague is utilizing her innate Leo gift for presentation to capture the attention of the group. What is she doing that's working? Is it her timing in the meet-

ing? Is it her volume or physical animation? It's probably a combo. Give her a dose of her own medicine by emulating her presentation style when you pitch your next big idea. Oh, and next time she steals your thunder, simply, clearly and audibly state to the group: "Didn't I just say that five minutes ago?"

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have a co-worker who often shows up late, constantly complains about how he doesn't want to be "here" (in this city, at this job, etc.), spends most of his time reading Facebook posts aloud or trying to chat with the rest of the people in our department and generally wastes his time when he's supposed to be working.

Our department works on a very strict deadline, and he often finds himself in a time crunch at the end of the day and asks the rest of us to do his work for him. When we say no, he either calls our boss to complain that we "aren't helping" or tries to scare us by saying that it's "everyone's fault if we miss deadline."

Several co-workers have tried to explain this to our boss, but this guy always has some excuse that our boss is more than willing to believe. I am pretty sure it's because they were

friends before our boss was promoted. But this co-worker is making our boss look bad, along with the rest of us. I think our boss is truly blind to the fact that this guy barely does his job, and produces subpar work.

It bothers me that this whiner is dragging the rest of the department down. What should I do? -- Confused and Frustrated

Dear Confused: We think your boss overlooks this guy's ineptitude because it's easier than dealing with the situation and possibly losing a friend. But it damages the company, not to mention morale.

If there is a human resources department or your boss has an immediate supervisor, this is where you should direct your complaints. Make it a group effort with others from your department. Don't criticize your co-worker's personality. Simply say that you are concerned deadlines

will be missed. If told to send your complaints to your boss, explain that you have already done so and it hasn't made a difference. In the meantime, encourage this co-worker to look for another job, perhaps in another city where he will be happier. Try to do it with sincere concern for his well-being.

Dear Annie: This is in response to the letter from "Morose Mom," whose adult children kept borrowing money and never paid it back.

As each of our children graduated college and went on to lead adult lives, we instituted a very strict rule: Your credit is only as good as your last loan. They had to pay back one in order to borrow again. And guess what? It worked. We've had every loan (we don't charge interest) repaid and would not hesitate to let our children borrow again, especially if they found themselves in an emergency situation.

When my husband went back to college for a post-doctorate, we found ourselves with not quite enough money to make it to graduation. His dad loaned us \$5,000, and as soon as my husband started work, we began paying Dad back. After the entire amount had been repaid, Dad's wife said of all the adult kids, we were the only ones who had ever done so. -- Responsible Adult in Florida

Dear Florida: You did it right. Unless parents want their loans to be gifts, a repayment schedule should be set up and followed. A parent who continues to loan money to a child who never repays it is asking for a lot of aggravation.

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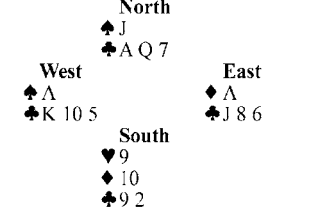
East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH: ♠ 9 7 5, ♥ 6 3 2, ♦ J 3, ♣ A Q 7 3
WEST: ♠ A K Q 10 4 2, ♥ J, ♦ 9 6 4, ♣ K 10 5
EAST: ♠ 8 6 3, ♥ 10 5, ♦ A K Q 8, ♣ J 8 6 4
SOUTH: ♠ —, ♥ A K Q 9 8 7 4, ♦ 10 7 5 2, ♣ 9 2

The bidding: East Pass, South 1♥, West 1♠, North 2♥; East Pass, South 4♥, West 4♠, North Dble; East Pass, South 5♥, West Pass, North Pass. Opening lead — queen of spades.

The margin between victory and defeat in a given hand is often razor-thin. For example, take this deal from the 1983 Vanderbilt Team championship. When Norman Kay and Edgar Kaplan held the North-South cards, they wound up in five hearts doubled on the sequence shown, and West led the queen of spades, ruffed by declarer.

Kaplan played a low diamond to the jack at trick two, won by East with the queen. East returned a trump to South's ace, and another diamond was won by East's eight. Back came a second trump to the king, and Kaplan ruffed the diamond seven with dummy's last trump. Next came a spade ruff followed by two more trumps, producing this position:



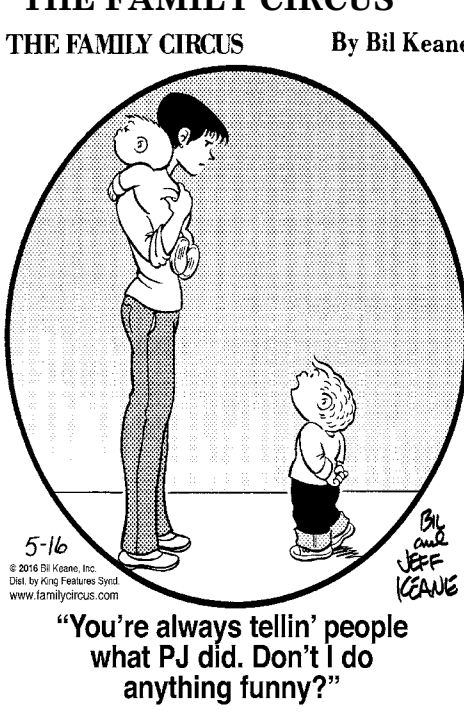
Declarer now played his last trump, forcing West to part with a club. After Kaplan discarded dummy's jack of spades, East, who could not spare his diamond, also parted with a club. Declarer then led a club to the queen and took the last three tricks with the Q-A-7 to make the contract. Of course, all the cards had to be perfectly placed and the timing also had to be precisely right for the double squeeze to succeed. But coincidences like this seem to occur quite often when there's a good helmsman at the wheel.

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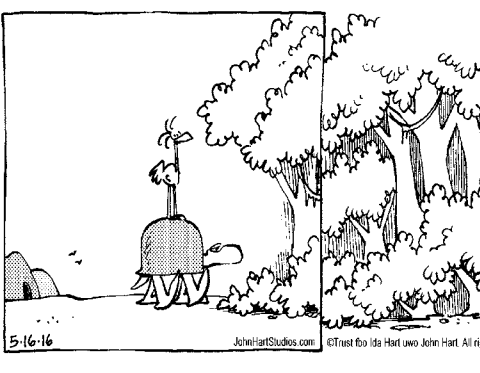
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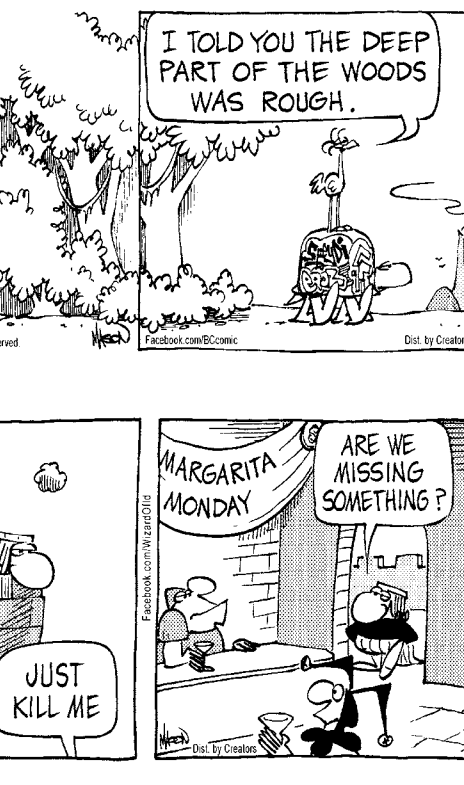
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 16, the 137th day of 2016. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1966, China launched the Cultural Revolution, a radical, youth-driven reform movement aimed at bolstering Chairman Mao Zedong while purging the country of "counter-revolutionaries." It's been estimated that during the decade of upheaval that followed, hundreds of thousands of people, perhaps more, died as a direct or indirect result of the Cultural Revolution.

On this date:

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the first five-cent piece, also known as the "Shield nickel."

In 1868, the U.S. Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on the eleven articles of impeachment against him.

In 1916, during World War I, France and Britain secretly ratified the Sykes-Picot

Agreement, which concerned postwar partitioning of Arab lands held by the Ottoman Empire.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.

In 1939, the federal government began its first food stamp program in Rochester, New York.

In 1946, the Irving Berlin musical "Annie Get Your Gun," starring Ethel Merman as Annie Oakley, opened on Broadway.

In 1957, federal agent Eliot Ness, who'd organized "The Untouchables" team that took on gangster Al Capone, died in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, at age 54.

In 1960, the first working laser was demonstrated at Hughes Research Laboratories in Malibu, California, by physicist Theodore Maiman.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court, in California v. Greenwood, ruled that police can search discarded garbage without a search warrant.

Surgeon General C. Everett Koop released a report declaring nicotine was addictive in ways similar to heroin and cocaine.

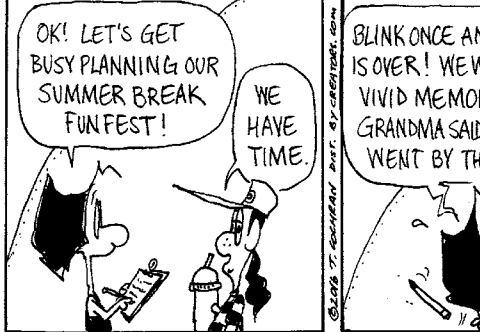
In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the United

States Congress as she lauded U.S.-British cooperation in the Persian Gulf War.

Ten years ago: The Pentagon released the first video images of American Airlines Flight 77 crashing into the military headquarters and killing 189 people on 9/11. Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden, the winningest coaches in Division I-A football, were elected to the college football Hall of Fame.

Five years ago: The Vatican told bishops around the world it was important to cooperate with police in reporting priests who'd raped and molested children and asked them to develop guidelines for preventing sex abuse; however, victims groups immediately denounced the recommendations as "dangerously flawed." Endeavour blasted off on NASA's next-to-last shuttle flight commanded by Mark Kelly.

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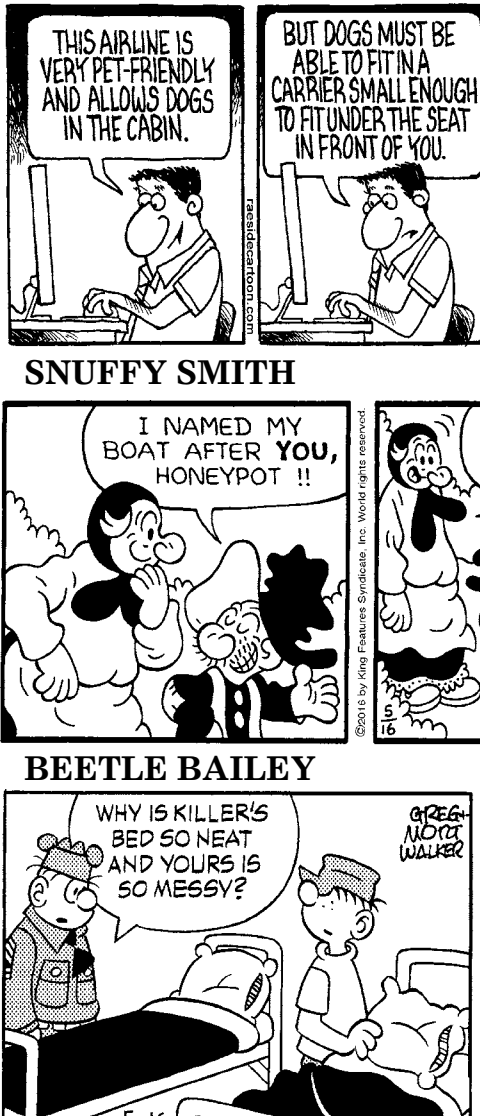
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Resorts with hot springs
  - 5 Mixes with a spoon
  - 10 "Scrambled" breakfast
  - 14 \_\_\_ Grey tea
  - 15 "Absolutely not!"
  - 16 Region
  - 17 Opera solo
  - 18 Out of whack
  - 19 Salty bodies of water
  - 20 It's "rolled out" for big stars
  - 22 Fortune-tellers
  - 23 Bagpipers' garments
  - 24 Potato lobbying
  - 25 Tearable fabrics
  - 28 Dorm room sleeping spot
  - 31 Unlocks
  - 32 Flash of light
  - 34 Historical period
  - 35 Ocean east of NC
  - 36 Elbow or knee
  - 37 Go bad
  - 38 Small, in rapper's names
  - 39 Songs
  - 40 Stockholm native
  - 42 Coming down in flakes
  - 44 No longer standing
  - 45 Take a stroll
  - 46 Do the driving
  - 48 Actress Angelina
  - 50 Karate award
  - 54 Improve, as a manuscript
- DOWN
- 1 Char, as a steak
  - 2 Remove the rind from
  - 3 Desert-dry
  - 4 Make looser
  - 5 Hair tangles
  - 6 Entice
  - 7 Wall-climbing plants
  - 8 Take a break
  - 9 Soon-to-be grads: Abbr.
  - 10 Enter cautiously
  - 11 Special Forces member
  - 12 Equipment
  - 13 Talk back to
  - 21 Ventilates
  - 22 Fat-free milk
  - 24 Strike, as at a mosquito
  - 25 Mares' babies
  - 26 Decide to take part
  - 27 Highway's center stripe
  - 28 Change for a \$20 bill
  - 29 Saw away
  - 30 Sear socially
  - 32 Bronze-disk instrument
  - 33 Be untruthful
  - 36 Trash
  - 39 Kitchen flooring piece
  - 40 Search for
  - 41 Sings like a bird
  - 43 Stood in line
  - 44 Withdraw officially
  - 46 Lose traction
  - 47 Lose oneself to
  - 48 Synagogue attendees
  - 49 Garfield dog
  - 50 Soft French cheese
  - 51 Money in Italy
  - 52 Installed, as carpet
  - 53 \_\_\_ fish sandwich
  - 55 Garment label

BEAN TONES by Gail Grabowski

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Answer to previous puzzle

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# Simmering Toronto-Texas feud erupts in Rangers' 7-6 win



AP photo/Richard W. Rodriguez

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rounched Odor's powerful punch to Jose Bautista's jaw will be remembered for a long time.

Perhaps it's a good thing the Rangers and Blue Jays have played for the final time this regular season. As for the playoffs, well, that would be interesting.

A feud simmering since Bautista's bat flip in last year's AL Division Series boiled over into a wild brawl that ultimately triggered six of the eight ejections in the Rangers' 7-6 victory on Sunday.

"As far as what happened inside the scrum out on the field, there was a lot of things going on," said Texas manager Jeff Banister. "We could sit here for the next hour and talk about that.

But I don't have that time. I've got a bird to catch."

The Rangers were headed to Oakland, and the Blue Jays back home to Toronto, the site of last year's emotional meeting in the playoffs. That's when Bautista capped a wild seventh inning with a three-run homer and the bat flip that angered Texas.

This time, Bautista was upset by getting hit by an eighth-inning pitch from 30-year-old Texas rookie Matt Bush, who got his first major league win two days after his debut — and 12 years after he was the No. 1 overall pick in the draft.

Moments later, Bautista slid hard into Odor on a potential double play and they ended up in a fistfight behind the bag after Odor shoved him.

## BEARKATS

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4x200-meter relays. Riley Eggemeyer ran the first leg of each race as the newest member of the team. He gave up running in the 110-meter hurdles to be a part of the relay teams.

"I'm a newbie at this and last

year it was a senior instead of me, and I just had to fill his shoes. So that's what I felt I had to do," Eggemeyer said. "I came out of the hurdles to run in all three relays. Last year I went to state in the 110s, but this year I gave it up to run the relays, and it was worth it."

The team finished as runners-up with 44 points to Water Valley High School's 90 points.

## HAWKS

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at-bats consistently. So it was just really hard for us to string stuff together when we played from behind, played with pressure, and didn't play well," Smith said.

Despite the early exit from the tournament, Smith was happy with the way his team played down the stretch.

"As a whole, I thought in our last 25 games they showed a lot of character. By being able to do what they did, to go 20-5 going into the postseason, I thought

that was a pretty big accomplishment for a team that was 16-15 at one point. That's not an easy thing to do, and it showed a lot of character," he said.

Smith said he plans to upgrade the athletic ability and overall talent of the roster over the offseason. The Hawks have already done most of their recruiting, and the remaining scholarships for Howard College baseball will be used for players transferring to the program.

"Everything we're saving right now is for Division 1 transfers. That's about all we'll add to the roster from here on out," Smith said.



HERALD photo/Drew Williams

Garden City's Riley Eggemeyer (center) starts the 4x100-meter relay Saturday at the UIL State Track and Field Championships at the University of Texas. His relay team finished with a bronze in the 4x100 and 4x200, and set the 1A conference record in their gold-winning 4x400 performance. The Bearkats finished in second place overall with a total of 44 points.

## SOFTBALL

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with a two-run single that plated Kemper and Roberts, and moved Sarmiento to third. Ysabel Soliz followed with another single, scoring Sarmiento, and Jaci Aguilar delivered a third straight single to load the bases again with the score tied at four.

The three runners on base were driven home on fourth and fifth consecutive singles from Mia Oliva and Cierra Martinez to give Big Spring their first lead at 7-4, but they were only halfway finished with their scoring. Three errors in the next four at-bats by Andrews gave the Lady Steers a 10-4 lead with the bases loaded. Gonzales delivered with another single that brought home two runs, and Soliz did the same to make the score 14-4 before Aguilar ground-

ed out to third base to mercifully end the inning.

Andrews wouldn't go quietly, however.

"We knew that they were a good team, and they weren't going to give up and they were going to keep scrapping and battling. And we had to fight for every inning," Martin said.

The Lady Mustangs answered with four runs in the bottom of the fourth and two in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 14-10. After a run in the bottom of the sixth, Big Spring's lead was only three going into the final inning.

Soliz, after taking the mound in the fourth inning for Sarmiento, struck out the first Andrews batter. She got the next two batters out on fly outs for a painless 1-2-3 inning to send the Lady Steers to the regional semifinals with a 14-11 win.

"Both pitchers did a really good job. They

stayed on top of things and kept them off balance, so we were really happy with the pitching. Even though they scored 11 runs that second game, that really didn't indicate the good job that the pitchers did," Martin said.

Soliz finished 2-for-5 at the plate with three RBIs, and Gonzales finished 2-for-5 with four RBIs to lead the Lady Steers. Terrazas and Kemper followed their impressive game one showing by combining to go 5-for-9 with four runs scored.

"They're both really confident," Martin said. "I think they get a little nervous, but they don't show it and they don't let it get to them. They really do a good job of coming through in critical situations, and definitely don't play like freshmen."

The Lady Steers will take on Brownwood next after they beat Abilene Wylie in three games. The series will start Friday at a time

and place yet to be announced.

## Lady Buffs swept by Lockney

LUBBOCK — The Lady Buffaloes had chances, but the inability to get a hit with runners in scoring position and a crucial error eventually doomed Forsan in a 4-3 game two loss to the Lockney Lady Longhorns.

The Lady Buffs had two on with one out in the first, fourth and fifth innings, and all three innings ended without a Forsan run being scored. They left 13 on base in the loss.

Despite the struggles at the plate, Forsan took the lead in the top of the sixth inning. Destiny Mata led off with a single, and after a strikeout, she stole second and eventually made it to third on a groundout. The lack of two-out hitting continued for the Lady Buffaloes, but an error by Lockney's

Raegan Nuncio at shortstop allowed Mata to score from third to give Forsan a 3-2 lead.

The lead wouldn't last long though as the bottom of the sixth started with a leadoff home run from Lockney's Camryn Diaz to tie the game at three. After Ashtyn Pearson struck out the next batter, Kaylee Kemper's third error of the series at third base gave Lockney a free base runner in Brittany Deleon. Pearson would get another strikeout for what should have been the third out, but Lockney would take advantage of their extra opportunity. Nuncio redeemed herself with a

double to left field that allowed Deleon to score from first to give Lockney a 4-3 lead.

Forsan would have another chance, but with two on and two out, Mata grounded out to the pitcher to end the game and Forsan's season.

Pearson finished with six innings pitched, giving up only two earned runs on four hits while striking out seven. Hunter Seymore finished with two of Forsan's 10 hits in three at-bats, and Ashlea Hardin had the Lady Buffaloes' only extra-base hit with a double in the second inning.

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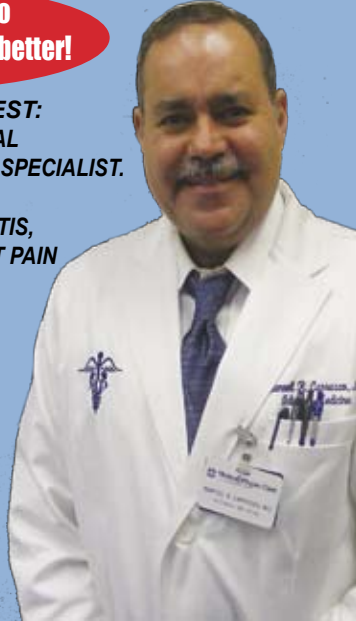
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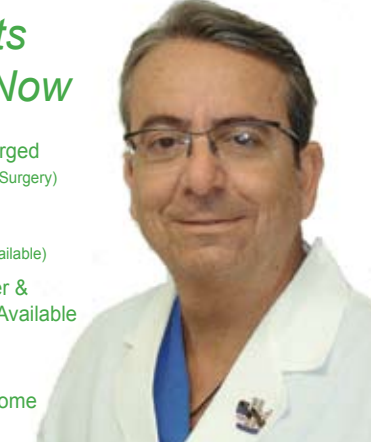
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